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Bethel Church History

by
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For a number of years people of Bethel and surrounding communities worshipped in the different school houses. The old Moore school house, built out of logs and located a short distance from the Hauseman Road, was named for Jackson Moore. The Hauseman school house, built in Abel Hoover's barn and named for him, was another place of worship and school. In later years it was replaced by a new building. Another school house named the Big Flat, located on Route 150 at the base of Chest Mountain, got its name from a fill made in the road across the creek.

The above named school houses were the first to be built. In later years a school house was built on F. K. Moore's farm and named the Cherry Creek School because a number of cherry trees lined the creek.

Two school houses were built in Elverson, one in the town and the other one a short distance up the creek from town. They took their name from the town.

Also, at Meyer Ridge a school house was used for a number of years or until the land mill finished sawing.

All of the above named places served a pre-bild purpose, a place of worship and school too, but times bring vast changes, so as more people came into the different communities the need for a church was seen.

In the early spring of 1904, a few several men who were doing some sawing for F. K. Moore, one beautiful Sunday evening made the remark that this would be a good time to go to church. Since there was no church to go to, it was decided that two men go up the road and see about getting a church built.

The men found everyone at home or in a church. No further place of a place or site were decided between the Baptists and the Southern Methodists, so in the early summer of 1904 the Methodists began building their church on the Samuel Hoover farm and the church was dedicated late that summer.

This delayed the building of the Bethel Church for a time, but in the summer of 1906 a building committee was formed consisting of Ben Sonnen, William Carter, Thomas Houston and Forrest E. Moore. This committee made plans, selected site and building material being donated.

Forrest E. Moore gave one acre of ground for the church and cemetery. The present location of the church was the one selected for the building. In the early summer of 1909 carpenters began work on the new church. The head carpenter was Fred Meany and a helper, a Mr. McElveen. By early fall it was completed and shortly thereafter was dedicated as the Southern Methodist Church. However, since the merger of the two branches, it is now a United Methodist Church.

In those days a dedication with a free dinner on the ground always drew a large crowd. People came in buggies, road wagons, horseback, and some walked ten miles or more, but not an auto was there. The dedicatorial sermon was preached by Rev. Jackson Lamber, of Maryland. The first preacher to serve on the Bethel charge was Rev. Albert Vandewender; the next was Rev. H. Q. Burr.

The church has recently been enlarged by the addition of four Sunday School rooms, a kitchen, running water, a modern furnace and aluminum siding was put on the outside for covering. The inside was covered with paneling. A new foundation of concrete blocks, a vestibule and a bell donated by Mrs. Lennie Nottingham was placed in the belfry. At first, chairs were used to seat the people but they proved unsatisfactory, so pews were added. A piano, tables, chairs and a library are used.

Well we know that Old Father Time brings vast changes in communities and churches. Of the large

crowd that attended the dedication less than a dozen are alive today. All of the above named school houses are gone. A church built by the Progressive Brethren near the Hoover school house burned down. The Hebrew Brethren Church stands idle for lack of enough members. A few members attend the Brethren Church at Durbin.

The Bethel Church needs more members. We have preaching each Sunday at 9:45 followed by Sunday School.

Mistakes have been made and are still being made in building churches. For lack of cooperation between the Methodist and Brethren, two churches were built while one would have served the needs of the members and saved cost and up-keep of two churches.

May the Bethel Church long continue to function as a place for Christians to worship their Maker and Redeemer while on earth and its influence shed a light on lost souls.

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Settlers in Poconontas County before 1800

A special committee of the Poconontas County Historical Society is completing the final work necessary to locate the cabin sites of the pioneers living in Poconontas County before the year of 1800. A number of cabin sites have been found but there are still a large number of sites which have not been located.

Once all of the possible cabin sites are located, the sites will be permanently marked and the names recorded at the Poconontas County Courthouse. The committee has determined that the following settlers lived in Poconontas County before the year 1800. The cabin sites of these names marked with an asterisk * have already been located.

Ridgway Mountain- Ridgway Creek Area

Alderman, Ernest; And-
ridge, William G.; Baker,
John; Baker, Henry;
Bradtke, John; Bridger,
James; Bridger, John;
Brown, Joseph; Brown,
Joseph; Bruchey, Joshua;
Cain, Michael; Daugherty,
Michael; Deussen, Charles;
Dunnigan, Lawrence A.;
Dwiggins, Thomas; Ewing,
John; Ewing, William;
Felt, Jerome; Gilford,
Thomas, Sr.; Gop, Robert;
Gregory, George; Grimes,
Peter; Holcomb, Timothy;
Johnson, John; Kee,
George; Lapham, Peter;
Martin, Jacob; Matthews,
George; McCarty, Tim-
othy; McCallum, William;
McNeil, Thomas; Moore,
Aaron; Moore, James;

Moore, John; Moore, As-
troph; Moore, Levi, Jr.;
Moore, Maria; Moore,
Robert; Moore, William;
Pope, James; "Rowell";
Stephens, Samp; John;
Shay, William, Jr.; Shover,
Patrick; Smith, John; Wad-
dish, William; Webb, John;
Wright, James; Wright,
Samuel; Young, William.

Indian Posts

Union Post, *Greenfield

Fox

Hudson-Mill Creek Area

Brown, Joseph; Brundall,
James; Brugman, Nathan;
Burgoon, John, Jr.; Bur-
gess, John; Burritt, John;
Cochran, Valentine;
Collins, James; Cran-
dall, William; Cram-
onding, Charles; Coe-
nus, John; Cooke, Thomas;
Day, David; Day, John;
Day, Nathaniel; David;
Thomson, Davis, John; Dak,
John; Edwards, William;
Evans, Griffin; Gilham,
Samuel; Gilson, Nathan;
Hancock, David, Sr.; Har-
per, Harry; Hill, John;
Hill, Richard; Hughes El-
liot; James, David; Jordan,
John; Klemmons, Charles;
Kremser, David; Kremser,
Edward; Kremser, John;
Lewis, James; Major, Wil-
liam; McGowen, John; Mc-
Neil, Abraham; McNeil,
Isaac; McNeil, John; Mc-
Neil, Jonathan; Neyton,
Oleham, Franklin; John;
Pease, John; Pease, Wil-
liam; Salisbury, William;
Scott, Thomas; Suybert,
Jacob; Swisher, John; Wash-
burn, Alexander; Woodell,
William.

Indian Posts

Fort Austria, Fort Mar-
tins, Fort Cincinnatus, *Fort
Day, (Fort Hickey), Fort
Ellis,

Dunmore Green Bank-

Edgar Area

Archibald, Adam; Ellis;
Jacob, "Smoky" Maria;
"Collier, John; Conrad;
John H. Cooper, James;
Gingles, Jacob; Gillis;
Bonnie, Hungry; William;
Hartman, Codlin; In-
graham, Abraham; In-
graham, Peter; Jarvis;
Kings, Romeo; James;
Kerr, David; McCollum;
James, McCallum; James;
McNaughan, William, Jr.;
Rader, James; Rockin,
James, Jr.; Shillington;
Robert, "Stevens, John;
Shay, William John, Sr.;
Tobacco, James; Tolman;
Samuel, Taylor, William;
Warwick, Andrew; War-
wick, Jacob; Warwick,
John; Warwick, John, Jr.;
Warwick, William, Jr.; Wood-
ell, Joseph; Woodell,
Thomas; Young, John.

Indian Posts

Mouth of Deer Creek

Post, Joseph Woodell

Post, Warwick Post at Cle-
ver's Lick; Warwick Post at

Dunmore, *Warwick Post
at Green Bank.

If you have any informa-
tion on the above writers or
additional names to add to
the list, please contact Lar-
ry Jarratt, Chairman, 224
18th Avenue, Marlinton,
W. Va. or any Poconontas

Churches &
Schools

No : 30

Source :

v) Dr. S. J. D. A. Price.

Original in the possession of :

(v) Society (Portland)

(v) source file

albums

Print located in :

Date :

Subject :

Two pictures on negative:

(i) Top: Marlinow school and Methodist
church

(ii) Bottom: Court House

No : 36
(2 pages)

Source :

(Society) (Postage)

Original in the possession of :

(albums)

Print located in :

Date :

Subject :

Methodist church (wooden building)
and school at Marlin



SCHOOL BUILDING AND M. E. CHURCH, MARLINTON, WEST VIRGINIA

No : / 2 / 2

Source : Dr. N. R. Price

Society

Original in the possession of :

albums

Print located in :

file

Date :

Subject :

Marlinton school building, probably
soon after completion



No : 1470

No : 1258

Source : Dr. W. R. Price

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

Date : December 1894

Subject :

Interior of the
Martha Presbyterian
Church decorated for Scott - Yeager we

source

file

albums

Society

No. : 1527

Source : Susan A. Price
Norman R. Price

Original in the possession of :

Society (Portland)
 source

Print located in :

file

Date :

Subject :

Marlboro Presbyterian church
Present building

1527



1481



Post
box
in
Munich

1474

Presbyterian Church, Marlinton, W. Va.





A

B

C

D

E

Court House

No : 261

Source : William
^{(3) others}

McNeil &
^{(3) others}

Original in the possession of :



Print located in :



Date : C. 1908

Subject :

Court House, Marlboro

(a) Society (part a)

(b) source

(c) file



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No. : 744

Source :

Nancy Currence
(Mrs R. F.)

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

Date :

Subject :

Court House, Marlinson

source

albums

file

Society



744

N. No : 175-1

Source : Dr. N. R. Prasad
from W. P. Menzies

O Original in the possession of :

Society

P Print located in : albums

source
file

I Date :

E Subject :

Court House, Marikana



No. : 1867

Source : E. C. Ball

Original in the possession of :

Society (post card)

Print located in :

albums

Date :

Subject :

Pocahontas, Council Court House

Poughkeepsie - County Court House.

1807



CHURCHES (not in towns) AND
— CHURCH GROUPS

Original in the possession of :

Society

Print located in :

albums

Date : June 21, 1922

Subject :

Photo of people involved
laying ~~the~~ cornerstone for
Presbyterian Church

source

file







ARD 2
MAY 1942
PHOTO BY G.A.









No : 1578

Source :

Kyle Beard

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

Date :

Subject :

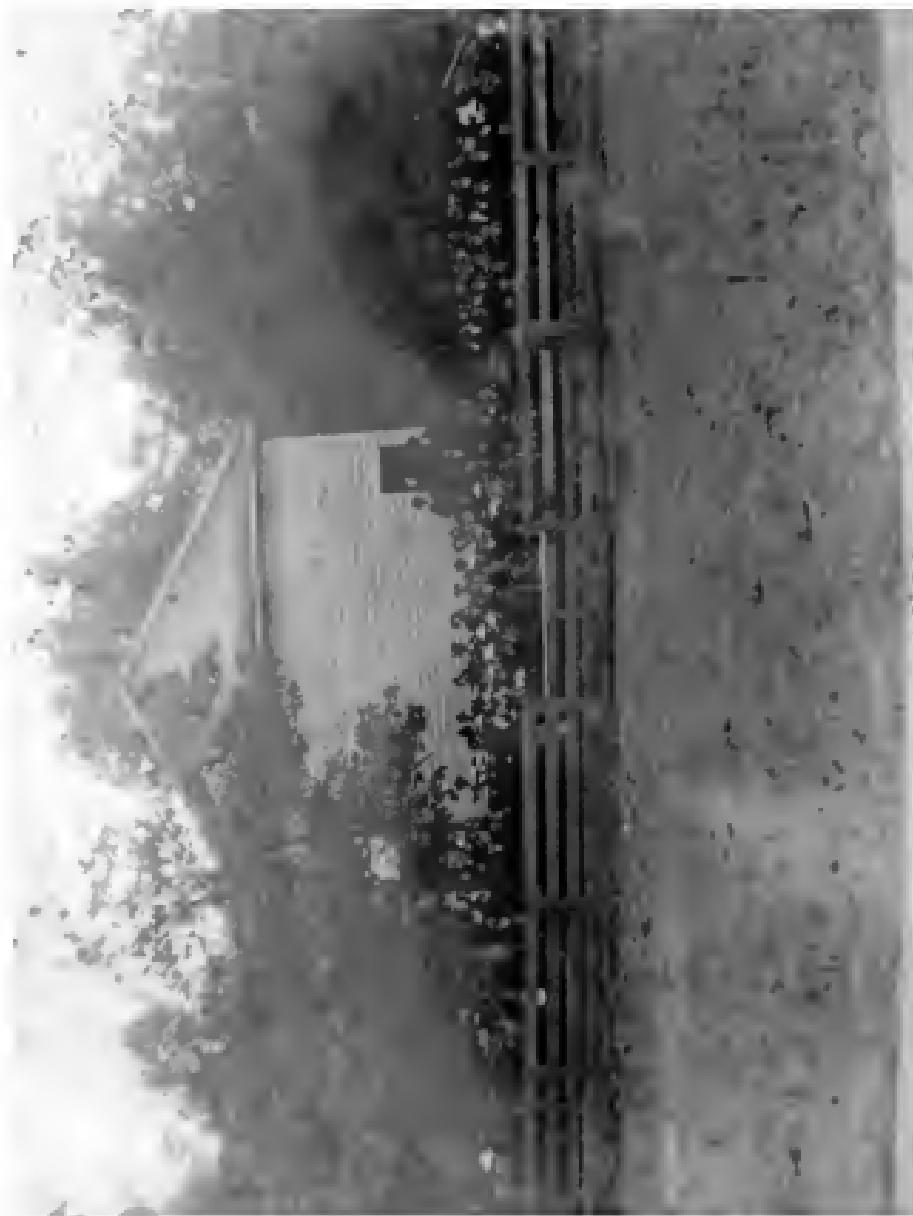
Society

Source

albums

file

Church dedication - Swago Creek



No : 173

Source : Mrs E. C. Whanger

Original in the possession of :

Society

Print located in :

file

albums

Date :

Subject :

Top of Allegheny church

Alleghany Little Circum-

Photograph by J. A. Nierstadt, Hurlih, W. Va.





No.: 204

Source: Forest Woodell

Original in the possession of:

Print located in:

albums

source

file

Date: Christmas 1904

Subject:

Arbavale Church

standing, left-right: William H Woodell,
Wardell Arboogast, Earl Streach, Sam
Elliot, Dr. Monane, Walter Ralston,
Grady Arboogast, Forest Woodell, Luther
Woodell, ?, John Streach, Luther
Woodell, over

Society







STRONGMAN H. WOODDELL - WADDELL AREA
WALTER RALSTON - CRAIG ARBORETUM - FOREST
JOHN STREETER
STATE OF CALIFORNIA WOODDELL CHARLIE ELLIOT

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PEACE - EARL STREET - SAM BLOOR - DR. MACMILLAN
BROOKVILLE - LUTHER WOODWARD -

-cause cause cause cause cause cause

No. : 367

Source :

Mrs A. E. Burner
Original in the possession of : source

Print located in : albums

Date : 1920

Subject :

Rehearsal for Children's Day Program
at Durbin Methodist Church

Adm'ts L-R : Mrs A. E. Burner, Mrs
W. Ibsur Grogg, Mrs Ed. Hall

Society

file

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No. : 426

Source : Lillian Johnson

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

albums

file

Print located in :

Date :

Subject :

Top of Allegheny church



No. : 415

Source : Lillian Johnson

Original in the possession of :

Society

source

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Children's Day Program at Arbuckle

L-R Wima Bearl, Mable Lambert, ?, ?, ?.



No : 4/6

Source :

Original in the possession of :

Society

source

Albums

file

Print located in :

Date :

Subject :

Group at Arbouale Mane for ray
cutting



Unidentified

No : 439

Source : Nancy Cassell

Original in the possession of :

Society

Print located in : albums

source

file

Date :

Subject :

Dunmore Methodist church Sunday
School







No. : 440

Source : Mr. Claude Barkley

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

Date :

Subject :

Picnic at Liberty Presbyterian
church

Society

source

file

albums







No. : 459

source :

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

Date : 1880's - c. - 90's

Subject :

Group at Liberty church

Society

source

albums

file







No : 493

Source : Mrs Moran Keller
Durbin

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

Date :

Subject : Mens Bible Class,
Durbin Methodist
Church (Southern)

First Row L-R: Lafayette Simmons, Jack
Carpenter, Wardell Arbogast, H. E. White
Alex Handbarger, Pence Kerr



No. : 496

Source : Mrs D A Curry

Original in the possession of :

Print located in : albums

Date : c. 1903 - 1905

Subject :

Conference group at Hillsboro

Original in the possession of :

source
 file

Society







No. : 583

Source : Eugene Burner

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

Date :

Society

source

file

albums

Subject : Church group, Durban Methodist
Episcopal Church







No : 651

Source : Wm Fred Mcllwane

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

Date :

Subject :

Group at the Library Church,
Bank
Green,

Society

source

albums

file







No : 652

Source : C. M. Prichard

Original in the possession of :

Society

source

file

albums

Print located in :

Date :

Subject :

Group picture of men attending a
meeting of Greenbrier Presbytery at
Liberty Church, Green Bank



No. : 666

Source : Nola Shears (M.
Adolphus)

Original in the possession of :

Print located in : albums

Date : c. 1917

Subject : Pine Grove Sunday School group

Original in the possession of :

source
file

Society







No : 721

Source : Edgar Arboegast

Original in the possession of :

Society

source

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject : Group at the Arbovale Church







No. : 726

Source : Edgar Arboegast

Original in the possession of :

source
 Society

Print located in :

albums

Date : July 1895

Subject :

"Basket Meeting" - Top of Allegheny







No. : 727

Source : Edgar Arboast

Original in the possession of :

Society

Print located in : albums

source

file

Date :

Subject :

Sunday School group, Pine Grove
church



Rader

Searle, I - r; Jesse Gundorff, Jo Riley,
D. O. Woods, C. C. (Cris) Arboast, Carl
Arboast, Herbert Sutton







No : 1014

Source : Amos Herold

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

Date : 1910

Subject :

Westminster Presbyterian Church at
Sunset on Knappa Creek

source

file

album

Society

101



No : 1114

Source : Else Adkins

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

Date : About 1900

Subject :

Buckeye church group

~~W. Standing, Jr.~~; Rev Underwood, ?, McNeil,
James McCallum, ?, Johnne Adkinson, ?,
?, ?, ?, ?, McNeill, ?, ?, ?,

Society

source

albums

(file)







No.: 1557

Source: Eugene Burner

Original in the possession of:

Print located in:

Date: c 1912

Subject:

Sunday School class, Southern
Methodist Church, Durbin

First Row L-R.: Manda Burner, Mrs Harry
Brown, Virgie McCleung, Viola Colans
Champlin, Mrs Mary Folk, Pearl Sigmon

Society

source

file

albums

110

First Row L-R: Miss Susten Eades
Mrs Houston White, Willa
Second Row L-R: Miss Rebecca McKeever
Kerr Wilmot, Mrs Minnie Doddrell, Mrs
(teacher), Mrs Minnie Doddrell, Mrs
Hall
H. G. Burr (minister's wife), Lela Hall
Arbogast, Beulie Gurn Parry, Doctor
Ashford Hudson

Third Row L-R: Miss Lena McGraw
(teacher), Martha Grimes, Ruth Low
Edith Fult Allen

1557



Sunday School Class
Dunkin' Methodist Church

No : 1614

Sources : Mrs Agnes M. Mission

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

Date : 1919

Subject :

Society

source

albums

file

Group at the Mt Oliver Church
on Droop Mountain.
Mr. Jim Shuler and Sunday School
class

1614





No. : 2511

Source :

Cuala D Cuala

No. : 2005

Source : Mr. Hyman M. Mann

Original in the possession of :

Society

Print located in :

file

Date :

Subject :

Drops Church



200

2511

No. : 2153— Source : Eula D. G. Brown

Date : Dr. N. R. Price

Original in the possession of :

source

Print located in :

albums

Date : c. 1890

file

Subject :

Presbyterian Sunday School at
Hunterville

Society

2460

Source : -

Dorothy Phillips, Housewife
10140 Purcell Rd.
Richmond, Va.

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

Date :

Object :

(Society)

Sources

Top Allegheny Church

Torn down in the late 1930's

Unclassified

No. : 2510 Source : Eula D G. Brown

Original in the possession of :
source

Print located in : albums file

Date :

Subject :

Rev. Pleasant church

Tribute Draft

Society

2510



Mr. Glendale church

No : 2511

Source : Eula D Giesen

Original in the possession of :

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Hannan Chapel, Stony Creek



Unidentified







No : 649

Source : S. S. Rexrode

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

Date :

Subject :

Society

source

albums

file

Unidentified church group



No : 1089

Source : Kyle Beard

Original in the possession of :

Society

Print located in :

albums

Date :

Subject :

Unidentified church group

source

file

6501



No : 1113

Source : Mrs Allen Sharp

Original in the possession of :

Society

source

Print located in :

albums

Date :

file

Subject :

Unidentified church group







No : 1175-

Source : Miss Genevieve Moore

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

Date :

Subject :

Society

source

file

albums

Unidentified church group

1175





